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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/664,515	Applicant(s) ARLON ET AL.	
	Examiner Toan C. To	Art Unit 3616	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2,3 and 7-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Species 1 (represented by figure 2), claims 1 and 4-6 in the reply filed on January 10, 2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the examiner fails to establish a separate field of search that would be required for each of the Species 1-9, and the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden on the examiner. This is not found persuasive because it is examiner's position that different subclasses would be searched the claimed subject matter which are drawn to the non-elected species, e.g. a piston as claimed in claim 7. Further, applicant has provide no evidence as to why as serious burden does not exist if examination of the entire application. For this reason alone, the arguments are not found persuasive.

Examiner's note: applicant's indication of the application is further restricted under Sub-species A-B is incorreccted, since the examiner has not restricted the application under Sub-species as indicated by applicant.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 2-3, and 7-16 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on January 10, 2006.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 1, 4-6 is objected to because of the following informalities: recitation "it may come" is not positively recited the claimed subject matter. Examiner suggests application to amend said recitation to --said impact member comes-- . Further, the pronoun "its" in lines 7-8 should be amended to --said--. Appropriate correction is required.

In view of the amendment filed January 10, 2006, the "glass shield" as recited in claims 4-6 should be --outer lens--.

The phrase "the latter" in line 4 of claim 6 should be deleted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1, the phrases "on the one hand" and "on the other hand" render the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. The examiner suggest applicant to delete said phrases.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the event of an impact" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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Claim 1 recites the limitation "the latter" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claim 1, and 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chase (U.S. 6,190,030).

Chase discloses a motor vehicle headlight comprises an outer lens (70) displaceable between a position of use (normal position of the head light as shown in figure 4) and a deployed position (position of the head light as shown in figure 6) in which the impact member (70) comes into contact with an obstacle in an event of an impact with the headlight (60), and a safety device (90) able to cause the displacement of the outer lens (70) from the position of use to the deployed position; a casing (62) enclosing at least one light source (64) and on which is mounted a protective outer lens (70) able to transmit the light emitted by the light source; wherein the outer lens (70) is mounted movably with respect to the casing and wherein the safety device is able to cause the displacement of the outer lens with the casing (62).

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Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan C. To whose telephone number is (571) 272-6677. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Dickson can be reached on (571) 272-6669. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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